

Ahmadabad, where I find, from Government Resolution No. 6356, of December 24th, 1872, that the respective shares will be Rs. 2,15,691 and Rs. 4,40,120. In both cases the comparison is somewhat in favour of Ránder as regards the proportion to be assigned to Government. I trust that Government will approve of this proposal, and permit me to adjust accordingly.

12. The future administration of the sales of land, in which Government has so large an interest, is a matter requiring serious attention in all cases. I find that next to nothing has been done in this respect in either Balsár or Ránder during the past year, and in Surat there has been little progress. In the two first-named places even the records are neither in proper order nor in trustworthy custody. I propose shortly to report on the general question, and mention it here merely to show that it has not been overlooked.

13. In conclusion, I have much pleasure in endorsing the commendation of the Survey Department, contained in Mr. Carey's last paragraph, and trust that Government will notice favourably his own tact and energy to which the completion of the enquiry without the slightest popular opposition is in a great degree owing. Mr. Whitworth, who is mentioned in para. 34 of Government Resolution, No. 4390, of September 3rd, 1872, was only at Ránder for a few days.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

T. C. HOPE,

Collector

No. 498 OF 1873.

*Superintendent's Office, Camp Tarkesar.,
Taluka Mándvi, 13th March 1873.*

MEMORANDUM.

The accompanying report on the completion of the Ránder town survey and enquiry into titles, Mr. Hope has kindly forwarded through the undersigned.

2. The Superintendent can add nothing to Mr. Hope's clear and concise statement of the financial effect of the operation, which is in every respect satisfactory.

3. It is to be remarked that the operations in Ránder were undertaken after the plan of survey and enquiry had been fully matured and tested, and after both the Survey and Enquiry Officers had had great practical experience in Surat not only in the ordinary routine work, but in the administration of the rules and preparation of the records. This will in some measure account for the work in Ránder having been completed more rapidly in proportion than in other towns and cities, where the operations were commenced before the officers employed understood fully the magnitude of the work, and before the inhabitants had become aware that a minute survey and record of rights adds considerably to the value of town property, both public and private.

4. There is no doubt that the Municipality and the inhabitants of towns generally are fully alive to the value and importance of a survey, and it would appear that, as a financial measure, a survey is more profitable in proportion in small towns than in large cities.

(Signed) C. J. PRESCOTT,
Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gajráť.

NO. 2235 OF 1873.

To
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department, Bombay.

Matheran, 13th May 1873.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward a report by Mr. Hope on the completion of the Ránder City Survey. It No. 713 of 12th March 1873, with accompani- has been done in a comparatively short space of time owing, perhaps, chiefly to the greater ease and facility with which Mr. Carey, who was the Enquiry Officer, was able to work after the considerable experience he had gained in Surat and Balsár.

2. If the cost of the Enquiry Officer is included in the calculation, the financial result of the survey on the 1st March shows a loss of Rs. 2,362. If it is excluded, as Mr. Hope contends it should be, it shows a gain of near Rs. 1,600. A good deal may be said on both sides of the question, whether this item should be included or excluded. On behalf of excluding it is urged the fact that, if the officer was not employed on that particular work, he would be employed in some other department, and